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1. SUMMARY: NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND IRAN SPOKE IN AUG 3 CCD PLENARY. NETHERLANDS DISCUSSED PNE TREATY, PRAISING ITS ON-SIET OBSERVATION PROVISIONS BUT SAYING AGREEMENT HAD NOT SOLVED PROBLEM OF PNES UNDER A CTB; THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY, REPEATING THAT THRESHOLD WAS TOO HIGH; AND COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, SAYING GREAT POWERS' POSITIONS ON ISSUE SYMBOLIZED THEIR ATTITUDES ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. NIGERIA PRAISED RESULTS OF CCD MEETINGS DEVOTED TO MID-TERM REVIEW OF DISARMAMENT DECADE, THEN CRITICIZED US SUGGESTION THAT COMMITTEE DEVOTE ATTENTION TO CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS. PAKISTAN CALLED FOR COMPREHENSIVE ENMOD CONVENTION AND BAN ON THREAT OF HOSTILE USE. IN TOUR D'HORIZON ON CCD ISSUES, CZECHOSLOVAKIA ALSO ADVOCATED SUCH A BAN. IRAN APPRAISED CW STATUS, SAW NARROWING OF DIFFERENCES OVER SCOPE OF BAN, AND SUGGESTED SOME WAYS TOWARD FURTHER PROGRESS ON CW. END SUMMARY.

2. NETHERLANDS REP (VAN DER KLAUW), BEGAN WITH A DISCUSSION OF PNE TREATY. IN CONCLUDING THE TREATY, HE SAID, US AND USSR HAD FOLLOWED THE BASIC APPROACH OF REQUIRING INDIVIDUAL PNES TO REMAIN UNDER THE SAME YIELD THRESHOLD OF 150 KILOTONS THAT THE TTBT REQUIRES FOR WEAPONS TESTS; THEREFORE, LOWERING THE TEST BAN THRESHOLD WOULD ALSO REQUIRE LOWERING THE THRESHOLD FOR INDIVIDUAL PNES. SINCE THE TEST BAND THRESHOLD UNDER A CTB WOULD BE ZERO KILOTONS, AS THE NETHERLANDS SEES IT, "THE PNE AGREEMENT HAS NOT GIVEN US A CLUE HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF CONDUCTING PNES UNDER A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN." AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT, VAN DER KLAUW ADDED, THIS SEEMS VERY DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, AND WITHOUT A SOLUTION THE CHOICE WOULD BE BETWEEN ABANDONING PNES OR NOT HAVING A FOOLPROOF CTB.

3. VAN DER KLAUW INDICATED THAT MON OTHER POSSIBLE APPROACHES (SUCH AS PROHIBITING PNES) US AND USSR COULD HAVE TRIED TO DEVELOP A VERIFICATION AND CONTROL SYSTEM PERMITTING PNES ABOVE THE WEAPON TEST THRESHOLD, BUT PREVENTING, OR MINIMIZING CHANCE, THAT SUCH EXPLOSIONS WOULD AFFORD WEAPONS-RELATED BENEFITS. SUCH AN APPROACH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE SAID, WOULD HAVE GIVEN VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE NATURE OF A PNE REGIME UNDER A CTB. VAN DER KLAUW INDICATED INTEREST IN KNOWING DEGREE TO WHICH US AND USSR HAD PURSUED THAT PATH, SINCE THE INFORMATION WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR CTB DELIBERATIONS.

4. CONGRATULATING US AND USSR FOR "A NUMBER OF INNOVATIVE AND ELEGANT SOLUTIONS FOR DIFFICULT TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL

PROBLEMS, "VAN DER KLAUW NOTED THAT PNE
TREATY'S INSPECTION PROVISIONS WOULD ALSO APPLY TO PNE
WITH A COMBINED YIELD OF OVER 150 KILOTONS WHICH EITHER
NATION CARRIES OUT AT THE REQUEST OF THIRD
COUNTRIES. PRAISING INCLUSION OF ON-SITE OBSERVATION
PROVISIONS, VAN DER KLAUW REMARKED THAT "IT IS ENCOURAGING
TO KNOW HOW FAR STATES ARE PREPARED TO GO IF THE POLITICAL
WILL IS PRESENT." PERHAPS, HE SUGGESTED, THE NPT REVCON
RECOMMENDATIONS THAT NWS PARTIES TO THE NPT ACCEPT
SAFEGUARDS ON ALL PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES COULD NOW
BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED.

5. ON THE THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY ITSELF, VAN DER KLAUW
REPEATED PREVIOUS DUTCH CRITICISM THAT THRESHOLD WAS TOO
HIGH, AND AGAIN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EXCHANGE OF DATA
FOR CALIBRATION AND TEST SITES.

6. PRAISING SWEDISH INITIATIVE ON SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP,
VAN DER KLAUW DESCRIBED GROUP'S FUNCTION AS "DETERMINING
IN PRACTICE HOW AN INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC VERIFICATION
SYSTEM COULD WORK AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE AND WHAT
MEASURES ARE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THIS PURPOSE."
NETHERLANDS PARTICIPATION IN EXPERTS GROUP DOES NOT IMPLY
A CHANGE IN HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW THAT SUFFICIENT CTB
VERIFICATION CAN BE ACHIEVED BY NATIONAL MEANS. CITING
VARIOUS EASTERN BLOC STATEMENTS EARLIER THIS YEAR, INCLUDING
USSR'S ON SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE AS SUPPLEMENT TO CTB
VERIFICATION (FEB 17), AND CZECHOSLOVAK DECLARATION
OF WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH EXCHANGE, VAN DER KLAUW
DECLARED IT "SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY" THAT NONE OF THE
BLOC COUNTRIES HAD AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN SEISMIC EXPERTS
GROUP.

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7. ON POLITICAL ASPECTS OF CTB, VAN DER KLAUW SAID ISSUE
SYMBOLIZES QUESTION OF WHETHER THE GREAT POWERS ARE SERIOUS
ABOUT WISHING TO STOP THE ARMS RACE AND WORK TOWARD NUCLEAR
DISARMAMENT. ALTHOUGH HE SAID A CTB WOULD BE ONLY ONE
OF MANY STEPS NECESSARY TO MAKE THE NPT VIABLE IN THE
LONG RUN, VAN DER KLAUW DECLARED THAT US AND USSR DO
NOT APPRECIATE HOW IMPORTANT SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD BE FOR
THE REST OF THE WORLD, AND HOW MUCH IT WOULD INFLUENCE
DECISIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

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